

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1        1. An apparatus for holding an animal, comprising:  
2            a container having a substantially circular base, a wall affixed to and rising from  
3        the base having a rim opposite the base;  
4            at least one fastening device connected to the wall; and  
5            a substantially hemispherically shaped cover having one or more counterpart  
6        fastening devices corresponding to the one or more fastening devices connected to the  
7        wall to attach the cover to the container.

1        2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises a pet  
2        bed.

1        3. An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a covering for the  
2        base.

1        4. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the covering comprises a  
2        bedding material with a backing that is impervious to liquid.

1        5. An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising handles mounted  
2        on the container.

1           **6.**       An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises a  
2       wicker basket.

1           **7.**       An apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising handles woven into  
2       the basket.

1           **8.**       An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cover comprises a wire  
2       frame substantially hemispherically shaped.

1           **9.**       An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cover comprises  
2       transparent substantially hemispherically shaped assembly.

1           **10.**      An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the corresponding fastening  
2       devices comprise a male and female buckle connector assembly.

1           **11.**      An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the fastening devices  
2       connected to the wall comprise a fastening device with adjustable tension.

1           **12.**      An apparatus for holding an animal, comprising:  
2       a container having a substantially circular base, a wall affixed to and rising from  
3       the base having a rim opposite the base;

4           a substantially hemispherically shaped cover having one or more counterpart  
5    fastening devices corresponding to the one or more fastening devices connected to the  
6    wall to attach the cover to the container; and  
7    fastening means to attach the cover to the container.

1           **13.**    An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a covering for the  
2    base.

1           **14.**    An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the covering comprises a  
2    bedding material with a backing that is impervious to liquid.

1           **15.**    An apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising handles mounted  
2    on the container.